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1. OPENING OUR MEETING, OLSZOWSKI SAID THAT HE WISHED TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE THE POLISH GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO THE MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK, WHICH, IN THEIR VIEW, HAD NOT ONLY GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR US-POLISH BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT ALSO IS IMPORTANT AS AN EVENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS GENERALLY. SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF, HE LOOKED FORWARD VERY MUCH TO THE PROSPECT OF MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. THE PROGRAM WHICH HAS BEEN WORKED OUT FOR THE FIRST SECRETARY AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY IS EXCELLENT AND THE FIRST SECRETARY WAS LOOKING FORWARD WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION TO MEETING PRESIDENT FORD AND TO THE OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS PLANNED FOR HIM AND THE PARTY. THE FIRST SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WERE GOING TO A COUNTRY RETREAT THIS WEEKEND TO BRIEF THEMSELVES INTENSIVELY FOR THE TRIP. UNDERSTANDABLY,
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OLSZOWSKI SAID, WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID ANY ELEMENT WHICH

MIGHT "BURDEN" THE VISIT; ON THE CONTRARY, THE POLES WANTED TO STRESS THE POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. OF COURSE, THERE WERE, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE, PROBLEMS BETWEEN US AND THE POLISH SIDE WISHED TO CONTINUE WORKING AS HARD AS IT COULD TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS.

2. I SAID THAT I QUITE UNDERSTOOD THE MINISTER'S DESIRE TO ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE AND I WAS SURE THAT THERE WOULD BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS. I THEN GAVE OLSZOWSKI THE LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INVITING FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK TO WITNESS THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE POLISH CHAMBER OF FOREIGN TRADE. OLSZOWSKI SAID THE POLISH SIDE WAS VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE THIS INVITATION. HE SAID THE FIRST SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IN WASHINGTON WAS RATHER TIGHT, BUT THEY WOULD GIVE THE INVITATION CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND LET US HAVE AN ANSWER SHORTLY. HE SAID THAT, IN ANY CASE, THE POLES WOULD FIND A WAY TO INDICATE THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT. (I SHOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMING DR. EDWARD WILSON OF THE CHAMBER THAT THE INVITATION HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND THAT THE POLES HAVE PROMISED TO RESPOND TO IT SHORTLY).

3. I THEN MADE THE REPRESENTATION ON THE ICCS WHICH I HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE IN STATE 210377. OUR DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT IS REPORTED IN REF C.

4. I SAID THAT I COULD PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ON THE TOPICS WE EXPECTED THE SECRETARY WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS WHEN HE MEETS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER; A MEETING WHICH, I SAID, WAS NOW CONFIRMED. I SAID THAT THE STATE OF AND PERSPECTS FOR US-POLISH BILATERAL RELATIONS SHOULD CERTAINLY BE A PRINCIPAL TOPIC. I SAID I FELT SURE THE SECRETARY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE MINISTERS VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN EUROPE. BEYOND THAT, I EXPECTED THAT THE QUESTION OF REUNITING FAMILIES WOULD BE RAISED BY OUR SIDE, IN VIEW OF THE ATTENTION THE ISSUE OF EMIGRATION HAS RECEIVED IN CONGRESS DURING DISCUSSION OF THE TRADE

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BILL. I ALSO EXPECTED THAT WE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS VIETNAM AND THE ICCS. APART FROM THE FINANCIAL CRISIS THROUGH WHICH THE ICCS HAD JUST PASSED, THE MINISTER WAS AWARE OF OUR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE FAILURE OF THE ICCS TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS AND WE SHOULD WISH AGAIN TO BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. WITH REGARD TO AGREEMENT ON THE DEFERMENT OF PL-480 REPAYMENTS AND ON THE JOINT

FUNDING OF S&T RESEARCH, I SAID THAT PROSPECTS LOOKED BRIGHTER THAN THEY HAD WHEN SPASOWSKI AND FRELEK LEFT WASHINGTON,AL-THOUGH WE COULD NOT AS YET SAY WHAT THE FINAL OUTCOME WOULD BE. I STRESSED THAT THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES OUR PROPOSAL FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE ANNUITANTS AGREEMENT. FINALLY, I REPEATED WHAT I HAD TOLD SPASOWSKI ABOUT "INCIDENTS".

5. OLSZOWSKI SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION OF THESE SUBJECTS SUITED HIM. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH STILL MADE FOR DIFFICULTIES IN OUR RELATIONS. HE ASKED WHETHER, IN THE "PACKAGE" OF FINANCIAL MATTERS, I INCLUDED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE RETURN TO POLAND OF THE DANZIG GOLD. I SAID THAT I DEFINITELY DID NOT INCLUDE THAT SUBJECT IN THE PACKAGE AND THAT THIS WAS A COMPLETELY SEPARATE QUESTION. OLSZOWSKI SAID HE REGRETTED THIS, BUT HE UNDERSTOOD.

6. ON REUNITING FAMILIES, OLSZOWSKI, SAID, "YOU HAVE AN ALLY HERE IN THIS MINISTRY: WE WANT TO SETTLE AS MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE". HE HAD REPORTED ON THIS MATTER TO THE FIRST SECRETARY, WHO HAD GIVEN HIM HIS SUPPORT. "WE WANT TO SOLVE THESE CASES STEP-BY-STEP, SO THAT, FINALLY, WE WILL BE ON A CURRENT BASIS". THIS WOULD BE A CONTINUOUS PROCESS, OLSZOWSKI SAID, WHICH WE WILL HAVE TO KEEP WORKING ON UNTIL ALL THE QUESTIONS ARE SOLVED.

7. HE ALSO WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT VIETNAM AND THE ICCS. HE WILL BE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR WHAT THE SECRETARY HAS TO SAY ON THIS SUBJECT, NOT ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING OF THE ICCS, BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WITH REGARD TO THE "MORE PROFOUND" QUESTIONS OF THE PROSPECTS FOR AGREEMENT

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BETWEEN THE CONTESTING PARTIES AND FOR PEACE IN INDO-CHINA. "I HOPE SECRETARY KISSINGER CAN THROW SOME LIGHT ON THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. WE POLES HAVE BEEN INVOLVED THERE FOR A LONG TIME AND WE AGREE THAT THE RESULTS HAVE NOT BEEN PLEASING". PERHAPS, HE SUGGESTED, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SECRETARY AND HIM TO DISCUSS THE LONGER-RANGE QUESTIONS IN A TETE-A-TETE MEETING.

8. HE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING CSCE AND LEARNING HOW THE SECRETARY ENVISAGES THE FUTURE COURSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

9. FINALLY, HE APPRECIATE WHAT I HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENTS. THE POLISH GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, "TRUSTS" THE US GOVERNMENT IN THIS REGARD

AND HOPES THAT THERE WILL BE NO INCIDENTS.

10. IN PARTING, I THANKED THE MINISTER FOR THE
INVITATION EXTENDED TO MY WIFE AND ME AND MESSRS.
BALDYGA AND PENDERGRAST TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON
SEPTEMBER 30 ABOARD THE POLISH TECHNICAL FLIGHT.
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